

SCS SB 478 -- INACTIVE LICENSES

SPONSOR: Gross (Smith, 14)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute establishes inactive licenses for architects. Licensed architects may make application for an inactive license with the State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects. Holders of inactive licenses may not practice architecture, but they may continue to hold themselves out as being an architect. Inactive licensees who fail to maintain a current license in any state for more than five years prior to requesting licensure reinstatement must take a licensing examination deemed appropriate by the board.

The substitute also makes technical changes to update the statutes in regard to landscape architects.

The substitute further creates an inactive license status for licensed psychologists. Persons wishing to obtain an inactive license must make application with the State Committee of Psychologists, declaring their intention of not engaging in the professional practice of psychology in this state. Persons wishing to be taken off inactive status and obtain a regular license to practice psychology must make application with the committee, pay all reactivation fees, and submit proof of current competency as established by the committee.

The substitute also exempts inactive license holders from all continuing education requirements.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the substitute just allows these two professions to be given inactive license status.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Gross; and Architectural Institute of America.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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